

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 3372

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

BANKS.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON,
AND CHINA.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS AT THE RATE OF 2 PER CENT. PER ANNUM ON THE DAILY BALANCE.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.
" 6 "4 " "
" 3 "3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—
D. Gilles, Esq. ChowTungShang, Esq.
Chan Ki Shan, Esq. W. Wilson, Esq.
C. J. Hirst, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
Chief Manager, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai,
Amoy and Foochow.

BANKERS:

The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.

" 6 " 4 "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 "

Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [8]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000

CAPITAL CALLED-UP £250,000

RESERVE FUND £23,629,157

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Wm. Kenwick, Esq.—Chairman.
Adolf von Andis, Esq. F. D. Saseen, Esq.
Egbert Iveson, Esq. H. D. Stewart, Esq.
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:

The Hon. C. P. Chater, The Hon. J. B. Bell-Irving,

H. Hopkins, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.

Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and

Shanghai—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama;

RATES OF INTEREST:

ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS AND FIXED DEPOSITS, CAN BE ASCERTAINED ON APPLICATION.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,

Manager.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [199]

NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, (IN LIQUIDATION).

PAYMENT OF FIRST DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A FIRST DIVIDEND OF 20 PER CENT. WILL BE PAYABLE ON APPLICATION AT THE OFFICE OF THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION, ON AND AFTER THE 16TH INSTANT, TO ALL CREDITORS WHOSE CLAIMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ADMITTED.

DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, BILLS OF EXCHANGE, &c., MUST BE HANDED IN BEFORE THE DIVIDEND CAN BE PAID.

E. W. RUTTER,

Attorney for the Liquidator.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1893. [162]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE REGISTRY OF SHARES OF THE CORPORATION WILL BE CLOSED FROM THE 15TH TO THE 27TH FEBRUARY CURRENT, (BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE), DURING WHICH PERIOD NO TRANSFER OF SHARES CAN BE REGISTERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS,

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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

A. E. SKEELS & CO.,

Telegraphic Address: "SOSRINOS," Hongkong.

(A.B.C. Code 4th Edition.)

AUCTIONEERS, VALUERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

No. 17, PRAYA CENTRAL,

Under Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co's Office.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1893. [170]

REGULAR MEETING OF THE above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY, the 16th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1893. [181]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, No. 1, 16th F.C.

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Hongkong, 16th February, 1893. [181]

INSURANCES.

£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or at death if previous—may be secured by a payment at the rate of—
£ 7 7 6 { per quarter if commenced at age
8 14 225
10 11 230
13 4 1035
17 15 840
17 12 645

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "KREMLIN"—A. B. C. CODE—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS, THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Tidder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices. The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the service being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandas, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators, The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjoins the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

The WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Export and the BEST BRANDS ONLY are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1893. [108]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$833,133.3
EQUAL TO £100,000 } £13,333.3
RESERVE FUND\$318,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEO SINO, Esq. YEO YUEN MOOB, Esq.
LOW TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1892. [89]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS AT CURRENT RATES ON GOODS & POLICIES GRANTED TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD PAYABLE AT ANY OF ITS AGENCIES.

CHOW KAM WENG,
Acting Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1893. [173]

MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

DURING my Temporary Absence from the Colony, Mr. CHOW KAM WENG will act as SECRETARY for the Company until further notice.

By Order of the Board.

INTIMATIONS.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

No. 50.

THE EXAMINATION HULK and STATIONS of the KOWLOON CUSTOM HOUSE will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 2nd of February, inclusive, in observance of the CHINESE NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL.

J. MCLEAVY BROWN,
Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon & District.

Custom House.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1893. [181]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORNESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, Calme Road, beg most respectfully to appeal to the residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desire to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of needle work.

Gentlemen's attire made to order; and cuffs and collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies' and Children's under-clothing, Children's dresses, and all kinds of embroidery. Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiorness will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES, to be made into BOOKS for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1893. [181]

K. E. B. A. O., SOCIETE ANONYME FRANCAISE.

CAPITAL 4,000,000 FRANCS.

A SOCIETE KÉBAO (TONKIN), dont l'extraition prend tous les jours de l'importance et qui est sous FOURNISSEUR DE LA MARINE FRANÇAISE AU TONKIN, dont le Charbon est brûlé d'une façon régulière à bord des Steamers des MESSEURS MARITIMES, et en particulier à bord du *Hatschong*, voulant introduire ses Charbons sur la place de Hongkong a confié le soin d'Agence à la maison

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

LI KWONG LOONG, CABINET-MAKER AND ART DECORATOR, from Shanghai, has opened

FURNITURE STORE.

No. 3, WYNDHAM STREET.

WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE of every description can be made to order if any design is required.

Has been patronized by the Hongkong Club, Hongkong Hotel, Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., and other leading Establishments in the Colony, to whom reference may be made as to the Superior Workmanship and Materials of the Furniture, etc., supplied.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. write as follows:

We have pleasure in stating that Mr. LI KWONG LOONG furnished the Annex to our Dispensary and gave us every satisfaction.

(Signed) A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

ORDERS punctually attended to, and CHARGES most moderate.

AN INSPECTION INVITED.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1893. [180]

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THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well

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Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

FLUID EXTRACT OF MALT.

THE use of that extremely valuable Food and Remedy EXTRACT OF MALT has been retarded by its usually viscid condition; to obviate this objection we have had prepared a FLUID EXTRACT OF MALT as easily poured out of the bottle and measured into doses as any other Fluid.

It contains as much of the DIASTASE as any viscid EXTRACT OF MALT and is therefore fully as active in tissue forming and digestive power.

Two tablespoonsfuls of our FLUID EXTRACT OF MALT contain more nutritive and digestive value than a pint of the strongest Ale or Stout. In 15 bottles 75 cents. Per dozen \$3.00. Hongkong, 12th January, 1893. [38]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. WINES AND SPIRITS.

We invite attention to the following Brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London House, and brought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices.

In ordering it is only necessary to state the name and quality of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general Use)

Per doz. Per Bot. Case.

A Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule.....	\$1.00
B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule.....	1.10
C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule.....	1.25
D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (<i>Old Bottled</i>)...	1.50

SHERRIES.

A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule	6
B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule.....	7.50
C Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule..	10
C C Super Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule.....	10
D Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old wine, White Seal Capsule.....	12
E Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (<i>Old Bottled</i>).....	14

Per doz. Per Case. 1 doz. Per Bot. Case.

At the Magistracy to-day nine gamblers arrested by Inspector Stanton in Gough Street last night were fined \$3 each, and two caught by Inspector Gauld in the far-away village of Sai Wan Ho were fined \$2 each.

GUTTA-PERCHA was first introduced into Europe from Malaya in 1842. The annual consumption now amounts to 4,000,000 pounds and the East Indian trees which supply the demand are diminishing at an alarming rate.

THE Spanish schooner *Maria*, which sailed from the Pellew Islands (Caroline Group) in November last bound for Hongkong with a cargo of *che-de-marr*, is reported missing. She was a vessel of 50 tons register and owned in Manila.

CLARETS.

A Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule.....	\$ 4
B St. Estephe, Red Capsule...	4.50
C St. Julien, Red Capsule	7.50
D La Rose, Red Capsule	11
Saline Foy.....	12
Cassac.....	12
Chateau d'Anglade.....	12
Clateau Haut Brion Latrave.....	17
Clarendon Mouton d'Armailhacq.....	19

20.00

HOCKS.

Nierstedt.....	12
Hockelheimer.....	20
Rudelsheimer.....	24

BURGUNDIES.

Chablis, white wine.....	12
Meursault, superior white wine.....	16
Volnay, very superior red wine.....	19

20.00

MADEIRA AND CHAMPAGNES.

FULL PARTICULARS OF VARIOUS BRANDS ON APPLICATION.

Per doz. Per Bot. Case.

BRANDY.

A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule.....	\$ 1.20
B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule.....	1.40
C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872, Vintage, Red Capsule.....	1.75
D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872, Vintage, Red Capsule.....	2.50

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WHISKY.

A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule.....	8
B Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.....	8
C Watson's Abbeur-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.....	8
D Watson's H. K. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule.....	10
E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule.....	12

2.50

SCOTCH.

A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule.....	8
B Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.....	8
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E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule.....	12

1.00

Daniel Crawford's Finest Very Old Scotch Whisky

10

IRISH.

A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule.....	8
B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	10
C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	12
D John Jameson's Special Old, Green Capsule.....	15

1.00

AMERICAN.

Genuine Bourbon Whisky, Fine Old, Red Capsule, with our Name & Trade Mark.....	1.00
Fine Old Tom, White Capsule.....	4.50
B Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule.....	4.50

0.40

C Fine A. V. H. Geneva

5.25

0.50

RUM.

Fine Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule.....	12
Fine Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule.....	15
Good Leeward Island...\$1.50 per Gallon	

LIQUEURS.

Benedictine, Maraschino, Curacao, Herring's Cherry Cordial, Chartreuse, Dr. Sieger's Angostura Bitter, &c.	1.00
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PRICES ON APPLICATION.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1893.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

THE PANAMA CANAL TRIALS.

LONDON, February 11th.

The French Press is unanimous in deploreding the severity of the sentences, particularly as regards that passed on M. Ferdinand de Lesseps. All the prisoners have appealed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Redpole* arrived yesterday from Amoy.

H.M.S. *Caroline* left for Shanghai this morning.

The U.S. S. *Monocacy* left Shanghai for a cruise on the 5th inst.

NAGASAKI has now an electric light installation in working order.

"CANTILENE'S CRONICS" will be on the job at the Hongkong Hotel to-night. The biggins are reported to be first rate trim.

THE last census places the number of miles of railroad in the world at 370,000, of which 44.18 per cent are in the United States.

New Snaffles—When I'm in the other life, I wonder what I'll miss the most in this?

Jinx—Probably a fan and some iced water!

INSPECTOR Stanton had a number of fraudulent weight cases before the Magistrate to-day, and weight ranging from \$5 to \$60 were imposed.

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10

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show her graciousness to the people in distress. Her Imperial Highness orders the funds for the relief of the destitute people in Shengtien prefecture and in Chibl, to be taken from the private treasury of the Imperial household this year and in future Tls. 20,000 will be given each year for the same purpose, whilst in the year of grace, each province in the domain is to receive a corresponding sum of Tls. 20,000 to be devoted to the relief of the needy classes. For the express purpose of alleviating the burden upon the national treasury all these sums are ordered to be taken from the private purse.

An expectant official of Hangchow, whose mother happened to be seriously ill, was visited one day by a couple of dozen bold, oily-headed bonzes, armed with leaden scorpions, incense burners and begging dishes of earthenware. These men commenced to howl out their chants with stentorian lungs, dancing around a circle the moment they had established themselves within the courtyard, and crying out for alms in the meantime. Although this ceremony is a usual one in Hangchow at the close of a year and the priests are supposed to chant prayers for the protection and blessings of the gods on the household they are visiting at the time, the appearance of these bonzes at this particular moment when the chief lady of the house was sick, with one foot in the grave, was considered to be especially unlucky, and so the monks were, without much ado, sent to the right about, and many of their paraphernalia smashed to smithereens during the "eviction." The bonzes of course thought this a very favourable chance of "bleeding" the official, whom they at first took to be a rich merchant, and a lavish prey of the righteous, and so commanded him to make a great hubbub about the ill-treatment and damages they had received. The appearance of some young runners and the *tsao* of the district soon put a stop to the nuisance, and the oilily, melon-headed monks are now languishing in prison as a punishment for their misdeeds.

NEWCHWANG.

(N. C. DAILY NEWS' CORRESPONDENT)

January 10th.

Since I wrote you on the 3rd instant, we have had very extraordinary changes in the weather. From a min. of $\frac{3}{4}$ below zero, the temperature rose to $\frac{1}{2}$ above zero on the 6th inst. and to $\frac{1}{2}$ on the 7th inst. We had a heavy fall of snow during the night of the 6th and some rain the following morning. The first period of extreme cold, according to native almanac, commenced on Sunday, the 8th inst., and whether it be a coincidence or not, there is no doubt the fact that from that date we have had the most intensely cold and bitter weather. The thermometer may have marked lower than what it registers now, $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees below zero, some say during the whole 24 hours, but nothing could be more unpleasant than to face the strong north-east wind. In fact the wind makes all the difference, for although it may not affect the mercury, it certainly affects the human frame, and animals generally.

A bowling match took place last Saturday between six members of the Senior Club and six of the Union Club. The rolling was on the alleys patronised by the Seniors, who won by 200 points, which does not leave much margin for the competition on the other alleys where the Unionists generally make averages of 200 points and more. However, "can see, can save." The Ministers are rehearsing satisfactorily and we hope will soon help us over the monotony of this Siberian weather.

(N. C. DAILY NEWS' CORRESPONDENT)

January 17th.

We have had a week of very severe cold. On the 13th the barometer registered a min. of $\frac{1}{2}$ below zero Fahr. and max. $\frac{1}{2}$ below zero. On the 15th the Customs reported $\frac{1}{2}$ below zero, and I believe the max. was not over $\frac{1}{2}$ below zero. The wind has been more or less strong from the north-east for about 12 days. There have been many deaths, amongst such people as were not able to obtain fuel or shelter, and we hear that at least 150 persons were frozen. It is difficult to avoid frostbite when facing a strong north-easter with such a low temperature as $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees of frost. According to the best obtainable statistics, the present winter may be recorded as one of the coldest, if not the very coldest, since the opening of the port in 1861. The last of the three periods of cold weather (nine days each as per native almanac) is just finishing, and we may look for gradually warmer days now, although we cannot be considered quite out of the wood till China New Year, from which we are still about a month separated. The river is of course frozen completely over, and can be made All seems perfectly quiet and free from rebellions and rumours thereof. There is not any stirring news to give you.

TSINGKIANGPU.

(N. C. D. News' CORRESPONDENT)

January 24th.

The excitement has come and gone, and that some time ago. "And what was it?" Some distance north of this city a piece of land about one-sixth of an English acre suddenly sank a few inches and became boggy and impassable. The people living in the neighbourhood took flight and moved off to a safer distance as there was no telling how much further this piece of ground would sink, and how much more land would go down with it. Strange sounds were said to issue from the place, but only at night (of course, when no one was around to hear them) and the country people became thoroughly frightened. The Magistrate of this city had to visit the place and listen, as scholars from every land! The sage verdict of this Celestial scholar was that a little dragon was about to be born! Wonderful verdict to the Westerners, but more wonderful still that animal, the dragon, that does not require one of his kind to mate with, but can mate with anything, a stone, a house, a tree. Surely the mind of the Chinese is inscrutable! In this case the dragon must have mated with mother earth, as there, before the magistrate's very eyes, the earth was in travail. It was a serious problem, and the case was urgent, for were not the little dragon released there might soon be such an upheaval as would bring ruin to the whole country round? Therefore the Magistrate set men speedily to work to dig him out, but after much time and effort were spent without getting any nearer the desired object, the work was abandoned, the Magistrate returned to take up his onerous duties, the sunken place remained boggy as ever, and the little dragon, Oh where is he? They tell us that only the stupid and ignorant believe in such like superstitions, but if so, where do they learn them?

The winter is here, in downright earnest, a continual winter it is; some say such a winter has not been seen here since the reign of the last Emperor, for several days in the morning about 4 deg. above zero. There is no use for the regular series as the canal above the lock is easily crossed on the ice, medicines and oil sold in the bottles, ice cream every morning in the milk pitchers, and Morton's vinegar bottle broken, but nothing lost as contents were solid. The ice on the ponds is 6 to 8 inches thick and like glass, mostly, inviting the foreigners, who are not so giddy-headed but that they long for a pair of skates, to take up again their boyish sports.

The magistrate has been good in distributing wadded clothing among some refugees, and beggars, but also like everything else in this

country (except riots), moved so slowly that ten odd poor souls have frozen to death. The only wonder is more do not freeze.

SCOTCH HOME RULE.

In the intensity of Ireland's struggles for home rule and Irishmen's efforts to possess their native land the fact that Scotchmen, too, are with equal earnestness, but perhaps less demonstrative enthusiasm, engaged in a similar crusade, is, says the New York *Sun*, apt to be pretty generally overlooked, except when some especially significant turn of affairs brings it up for the moment. Scotland wants home rule and Scotchmen are working for it and have been for a number of years, and never more earnestly than now.

As our fathers had before us,

A motto which a traveler saw a few weeks ago worked out in evergreens across the wall of a country school in Sutherlandshire.

Mottos of similar patriotic import are to be found in very many of the Scotch schools, and its spirit is cultivated in the children by every possible means—by the singing of patriotic songs, the relation of stories of patriotism and the proper presentation of current facts. The movement is for local self-government and the possession of the land, the abolition of absentee landlordism and the reclamation of the land that has been formed into deer forests and shooting preserves for English sportsmen. There are a number of organisations formed to attain these ends. There is the Highland Land League, which held its tenth annual conference a short time ago; the Scottish Land Restoration Club, the Scottish Land Restoration Federation, the Fabian Society and others of smaller note. The Land League protested strongly at its recent conference against the "attempt to ebb them out of the country by treasure funds," in assisting the emigration of Scotchmen to the colonies. A telegram was received at the meeting of the conference from Victoria, New South Wales, saying, "Don't emigrate out here." The League agreed that they certainly would not. The members expressed "unswerving allegiance" to the Queen, and affirmed that no settlement of the land question in the Highlands could be accepted as final which did not "recognise and fully embody the rights of the Highland people to their native soil." The League agreed that with a fair distribution of pastoral and arable land there would be land enough for double the population of the Highlands. Many radical resolutions were adopted, and the steadfastness of the leaguers is only one of the evidences of the earnestness of Scotchmen for home rule and for Scotch homes for the Scotch people.

DEAFNESS ABSOLUTELY CURED.—A Gentleman who cured himself of Deafness and Noses in the Head, of 4 years standing, by a new method, will be pleased to send full particulars free.

Address HERBERT CLIFFORD, 8, Shepherd's place, Kennington Park, London, S.E., Eng.—[Advt.]

THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY, MOI.

T HIS Company, having appointed the Undersigned AGENTS for their Coal,

(TAKLEMA-AKAIKI) in Hongkong, they are prepared to supply Coal ex-Ship, ex-Godown, or trimmed in Bunkers, at prices to be had on application.

Copies of Reports and Analysis to be seen in the Office of the Undersigned.

CHEE ON & Co., Sole Agents.

Nos. 21 & 22, Lee Yuen Street, East.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1892.

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THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

T HE MIKE COAL is a BITUMINOUS COAL

of dark reddish colour. For steam purposes

it has been pronounced to be the best and the most economical of all the Japanese Coals. Its

export is increasing yearly, and the opinions

expressed by several of the largest regular

consumers are in testimony of the excellent

qualities of this coal.

Attention is called to the following advantages

to Ships' Owners and Captains, who coal their bunkers direct from the Undersigned:

FRESHNESS OF THE COAL.

UNIFORMITY of quality.

FREEDOM from Impurities.

Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.

Quick despatch.

BEST of weight, etc., etc.

MITSUI-RUSSIAN-KAISHA,

Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1892.

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NOTICE.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS'

HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 13th

instant; at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1893.

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NOTICE.

LADY ROBINSON will be "At Home" from 4 to 6 P.M. on March 7th and 21st.

J. T. STERLING, A.D.C.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1893.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR BANK HOLIDAYS.

I N accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875

and the Government Notification No. 58 of

the instant, the Undermentioned BANKS will be

CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business

ON FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 17th and

18th instant respectively:—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,

AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION, F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

For the COMPTOIR NATIONAL DES COMPTES

DE PARIS, L. GLENAT, Acting Agent.

For the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE

STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG, W. H. GASKELL, no Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,

LIMITED, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA,

LIMITED, JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,

LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION, E. W. RUTTER, Attorney for the Liquidator.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1893.

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

M R. SASOON'S CUP and SPOONS will

be Shot for on SATURDAY, the 18th

instant. Ranges 200 and 300 yards, Time,

2.45 P.M.

ED. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1893.

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THEY LEAD THEM ALL,

THE CELEBRATED

CALIFORNIA WINES,

from the well-known Vineyards of Meier,

KOHLER and VAN BREKEL, San Francisco,

and JULIAN P. SMITH (Olivia) Livermore,

California.

Guaranteed to be Pure and Unadulterated.

Fine BLACKBERRY BRANDY and Fresh

Consignments of BARTLETT SPRINK

MINERAL WATER as before Steamer.

Prices forwarded on application to

MACONDRAY BROTHERS & CO.,

Commission Merchants,

No. 30, Water Street,

Yokohama.

Yokohama, 13th February, 1893.

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FOR SALE

FRESH BREAKFAST SAUSAGES

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—118 per cent., prem. sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £8.10, paid up—35 percent. div. sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$150 per share, buyers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$25, sellers and buyers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$200 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884, B—21 percent premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$83 per share, sellers.

China Trade's Insurance Company—\$56 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 205 per share, sellers and buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$100 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$100, sellers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$250 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$89 per share, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$29 per share, sellers and buyers.

China and Manile Steam Ship Company—25 per share, sellers.

Woo-Chin Steam Navigation Company, Limited—50 per cent. discount, sellers and buyers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$37 per share, sellers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—75 per cent. premium, sellers.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$21, sellers and buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.

The Aurora Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

The Chameau Hotel Co., Limited—\$3 per share, sellers.

Punton Mining Co.—\$4 per share, sellers and buyers.

The Raith Gold Mining Co., Limited—50 cents per share, sellers.

New Inland Mining Co., Limited—50 cents, nominal.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—nominal.

Sociedad Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$10 per share, sellers and buyers.

The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers and buyers.

The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—4 cents per share, sellers.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—nil, nominal.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$155 per share, sellers.

Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$35, nominal.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sellers.

Dakin, Cruckshank & Co., Limited—\$2 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$38 per share, sellers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$6 per share, ex. div. sellers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$55 per share, ex. div. sellers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$26 per share, sellers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$9 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$45 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$100 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$105 per share, sellers and buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$64 per share, ex. div. sellers and buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$35 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$54 per share, sellers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$4 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$21 per share, sellers and buyers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$35 per share, sellers.

EXCHANGE.

On London—Bank, T. T. 2/8

Bank Bills, on demand 2/8

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/9

Credits at 4 months' sight 2/9

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/9

On PARIS—

Bank Bills, on demand 3/2

Credit at 4 months' sight 3/5

On INDIA—

T. T. 223

On Demand 223

On SHANGHAI—

Bank, T. T. 711

Private, 30 days' sight 724

2 VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Miss Adams. Mr. D. C. B. Griffiths.

Col. and Mrs. Baker. Mr. G. Griswold.

Mrs. Bartlett. Mr. H. W. Gye.

Mr. J. Beale. Col. Hallatt.

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Mr. E. Booth. Mr. F. Henderson.

Mr. W. Bow. Mr. Inchbold.

Mr. J. E. Biscoe. Mr. J. J. Joyce.

Mr. K. Bruce. Mr. G. W. Knight.

Mr. H. T. Brown. Mr. & Mrs. Leithbridge.

Miss Brown. 2 children and maid.

Capt. Butcher, O.S.D. Mr. Ph. Lieder.

Mr. and Mrs. Birchard. Mr. and Mrs. Lufkins.

Capt. G. Callaghan. Mr. A. M. Marks.

Mr. F. A. Carl. Mr. & Mrs. Miner and maid.

Mr. E. Carter. Mr. & Mrs. Clark Captain Moore, R.N.

and maid. Mr. Ch. Morton.

Major & Mrs. Comfort. Lt. P. O'Malley, A.S.C.

Capt. and Mrs. Combe. Mrs. Nicol and child.

Major & Mrs. Compton. Mr. and Mrs. Paul.

Miss Cory. Mr. W. Farfut.

Mr. W. Gease. Capt. Reddoch.

Mr. J. Green. Mr. J. D. Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dickie. Mr. C. Scott.

Mr. A. Duncan. Mr. F. E. Shean.

Mr. & Mrs. G. Edwards. Mr. A. Shewan.

Mr. H. Fales. Mr. W. M. Stanford.

Capt. W. H. Fawkes. Mrs. L. Start.

R. N. Mr. Ch. Sudgen.

Mr. and Mrs. Freer. Dr. Strelcker.

Hon. & Mrs. Goodman. Mr. & Mrs. Thomsett.

Mr. P. Grant. Baron C. de Tayl and servant.

Mr. A. P. Grenfell. Mr. A. W. Walkinshaw.

Mr. E. Greathead. Mr. and Mrs. Warren.

Mr. N. J. Gray. Mr. J. S. Water.

Mr. W. H. Wilson.

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE PEAK HOTEL.

Mr. Adamson. Mr. McMurtry.

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Mr. C. H. Galo. Mr. F. T. Richards.

Mr. W. H. Gaskell. Mr. A. E. Steele.

Mr. W. S. Harrison. Mr. Sparrow.

Mr. V. Kofoed. Mr. Stephens.

Mr. W. H. R. Loxley. Mr. Ed. Tenckoff.

Mr. Gco. L. Tomlin.

WINDSOR HOTEL.

Captain Anderson. Mr. E. Heron.

Mrs. Anderson & child. Master E. Heron.

Mrs. Carroll. Mr. J. R. Joyce.

Mrs. Carroll. Mr. A. Mourant.

Mrs. Blanchard. Hon. N. G. Michell.

Mr. J. F. Boston. Mr. Mitchell-Innes.

Major & Mrs. Chapman. Capt. and Mrs. Morris.

Mr. Dodd. Lt. W. T. S. Mount.

Mr. W. E. Eaton, U.S.N. F. A. Norris, U.S.N.

Mrs. Eaton. Miss Norris.

Lt. E. W. Eberle, U.S.N. Mr. Frank O'Brien.

Mrs. Eberle. Mr. P. O'Guth.

Mrs. Eberle. Mrs. Perkins.

Mr. G. Engel. Mr. and Mrs. Pigott.

Vice-Consul P. Gavanilles.

Miss Graham.

Mr. P. Haber.

Rey. Admiral D. B. Capt. & Mrs. Stonham.

Mr. D. B. Hammon. Captain A. Tillett.

Mr. F. Harrop. Mr. A. Tran.

Mr. W. Harvard.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

Presto, German steamer, 655, E. Bohm, 13th Feb.—Touron, and Holloway 7th February.

Redpole, British gunboat, 805, Lieut. Comdr. C. G. May, 12th Feb.—Amoy 11th Feb.

Rohilla, British steamer, 2,174, W. J. Nunes, 13th Feb.—London, via Bombay 25th Feb., and Singapore 6th Feb., General—P. O. S. N. C.

Tartar, British steamer, 1,654, D. S. Bailey, 12th Feb.—Shanghai 9th Feb., General—Dodd, Carill & Co.

Deuterus, German steamer, 1,191, W. A. Dine, 12th Feb.—Saigon 7th February, Rice and Paddy—Siemens & Co.

Triumph, German steamer, 655, J. Bruhn, 12th Feb.—Touron 10th Amoy, 13th Feb., and Swatow 12th General—Laprade & Co.

Redpole, British steamer, 805, Lieut. Comdr. C. G. May, 12th Feb.—Per Tafang to-morrow, the 14th instant.

For Shaobo, Yoko, Yokohama, Victoria, and Tacoma—Per Tacoma to-morrow, the 14th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For Yokohama and Gilgo—Per Pria to-morrow, the 14th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For Singapore and New York—Per Tartar to-morrow, the 14th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

STEAMERS.

AIR MAIL WILL CLOSE—

For Straits and Bombay—Per Basso to-morrow, the 14th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For Swatow and Shanghai—Per Tafang to-morrow, the 14th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For Shanghai, Koko, Yokohama, Victoria, and Tacoma—Per Tacoma to-morrow, the 14th instant, at 11:30 A.M.